

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In an optical pickup apparatus of the present invention, either a first laser diode emits a laser beam having a first wavelength or a second laser diode emits a laser beam having a second wavelength.

5 An optical system focuses one of the two laser beams onto a recording surface of an optical recording medium. A photodetector unit receives reflection beams, which are reflected from the recording medium, to generate detection signals from the received reflection beams. A holographic unit has a first hologram suited to
10 the first laser diode and a second hologram suited to the second laser diode, the first hologram provided to diffract a reflection beam of the laser beam of the first laser diode to the photodetector unit, and the second hologram provided to diffract a reflection beam of the laser beam of the second laser diode to the photodetector unit.

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